

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for controlling transfer of contents to a destination information processing apparatus, comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status; and

judgment means for judging whether transfer of said contents is possible in accordance with said usage control status;

wherein said usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus,

wherein said judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area, and

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible when said ID information comprises the source information processing apparatus ID.

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for canceling a transfer of contents after the transfer of contents is performed to a destination information processing apparatus, comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status; and

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible in accordance with said usage control status;

wherein said usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus,

wherein said judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted.

12. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents

is possible when said ID information comprises destination information processing apparatus ID.

13. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said judgment means judges whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible when ID information further stored to the storage area of the source information processing apparatus in said usage control status comprises the source information processing apparatus ID.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when said ID information comprises the source information processing apparatus ID.

16. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when ID information further stored to the storage area of the destination information processing apparatus in said usage control status comprises the destination information processing apparatus ID.

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for canceling a transfer of contents after the transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus;

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

first storage means for storing a first usage control status; and

first judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said first usage control status;

wherein said second information processing apparatus comprises:

second storage means for storing a second usage control status; and

second judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said second usage control status;

wherein said first usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said second information processing apparatus;

wherein said first judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area of said first usage control status; and

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, the said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted.

18. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 17, wherein it is judged that canceling transfer of said contents is possible when ID information stored to the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus in first and second usage control status comprises the first information processing apparatus ID and ID information stored to the storage area of said first information processing apparatus in first and second usage control status comprises the second information processing apparatus ID.

19. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for controlling transfer of contents to a destination information processing apparatus, comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status, wherein said usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus;

judgment means for judging whether transfer of said content is possible based on said usage control status, and

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment means;

wherein said judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[.]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per

copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted; and

wherein when said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes registration conditions stored in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus into ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus.

20. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein: said information processing apparatus further comprises a transmitting means, and said transmitting means transmits the changed usage control status to said destination information processing apparatus.

21. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for controlling transfer of contents when the transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus,

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether controlling transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status;

wherein said usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus,

wherein said judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[.]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted;

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment means; and

transmitting means for transmitting the usage control status changed by said change means to said second information processing apparatus;

wherein said second information processing apparatus comprises:

receiving means for receiving said usage control status transmitted by said transmitting means;

wherein when said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes registration conditions stored in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus into ID information (SAM ID) of said second information processing apparatus.

22. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 21, wherein said second information processing apparatus further comprises generation means, said generation means for generation the new usage control status for using said second information processing apparatus based on said usage control status received by said receiving means.

23. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 21, wherein said second information processing apparatus further comprises generation means, said generation means for generating the new usage control status for using a third information processing apparatus based on said usage control status change means transmitted by said transmitted means.

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for canceling a transfer of contents after the transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus, comprising:

storage means for storing a usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status; and

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment means;

wherein said first usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said second information processing apparatus,

wherein said judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area of said first usage control status;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per

copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted; and

wherein when said judgment means judges that transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes registration conditions stored in the storage area of said second information processing apparatus into ID information (SAM ID) or initial value of said first information processing apparatus.

25. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for canceling a transfer of contents after a transfer of contents is performed from a first equipment information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus;

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

first storage means for storing a first usage control status;

judgment means for judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said first usage control status;

wherein said first usage control status has a registration area storing an ID information (SAM ID) of said second information processing apparatus,

wherein said judgment means performs the judgment based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area of said first usage control status;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[.,] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per

copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted;

change means for changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment means; and

transmitting means for transmitting a transfer cancel command to said second information processing apparatus; and

said second information processing apparatus comprising:

second storage means for storing a second usage control status;

receiving means for receiving said transfer cancel command; and deletion means for deleting said second usage control status;

wherein when said judgment means judges that canceling transfer of said contents is possible, said change means changes registration condition stored in the storage area of said second information processing apparatus into ID information (SAM ID) or initial value of said first information processing apparatus;

wherein said deletion means deletes said second usage control status when said receiving means receives said transfer cancel command.

26. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 25, wherein

said second information processing apparatus further comprises reply means, said reply means replaying a signal indicative of said first information processing apparatus, after said deletion means deleted said second usage control status, and

wherein said change means changes said first usage control status after receiving said completion signal of deletion.

27. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing transfer of contents from a first information processing apparatus to a destination information processing apparatus, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status;

judging whether transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status;

wherein said usage control status stores an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus,

said storing occurring in a registration area of said usage control status,

said judging being based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted.

28. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for canceling transfer of contents after the transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a destination information processing apparatus, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status;

judging whether canceling the transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status;

wherein said usage control status stores an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus,

said storing occurring in a registration area of said usage control status,

said judging being based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for controlling transfer of contents from a first information processing apparatus to a destination information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status;

judging whether transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status;

wherein said usage control status stores an ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus,

said storing occurring in a registration area of said usage control status,

said judging being based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area; and

changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment step;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted; and

wherein when it is judged that transfer of said contents is possible, registration conditions are stored in the storage area of said destination information processing apparatus and changed into ID information (SAM ID) of said destination information processing apparatus.

31. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for canceling a transfer of contents after the transfer of contents is performed from a first information processing apparatus to a second information processing apparatus, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a usage control status;

judging whether canceling transfer of said contents is possible based on said usage control status,

wherein said first usage control status stores an ID information (SAM ID) of said second information processing apparatus,

said storing occurring in a registration area of said first usage control status,

said judging being based on said ID information (SAM ID) stored in said registration area ; and

changing said usage control status based on the result of said judgment step;

wherein said registration area stores usage details comprising a type including how said contents can be reproduced or duplicated[[,]] and control transfer permission information including whether control transfer is possible, said type being one of purchase and reproduce, first generation duplicate, limited-time reproduction, pay per copy, or pay per play, and said control transfer permission information being one of permitted or not permitted; and

wherein when it is judged that transfer of said contents is possible, said registration conditions stored in the storage area of said second information processing apparatus is changed into the source information processing apparatus ID or initial value.